MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): But there are men who are not qualified taken by the Government.

PRESIDENT: Well, if the honourable member will give a list of names of such gentlemen it will be dealt with by Government.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR: Thank you, Sir.

Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

596. ✻MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the pay-ward attached to the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, has been handed over to the department; and

(*b*) whether it is now available for the use of the public and if not the reasons for the same?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: May I know when the Department took charge of the pay-ward?

DR. S. JOHN: About a couple of months ago.

Kattakada dispensary.

597. ✻MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorial from the people of Kattakada and the adjoining villages in the Nedumangad taluk pointing out the inconvenience and hardship caused on account of want of accommodation in the Kattakada dispensary;

(*b*) whether there was an offer to collect funds by public subscription and to hand it over to Government to put up a new building for the dispensary there; and

(*c*) whether the Surgeon-General or any officer took any step to meet the people of this locality or the memorialists to make further arrangements on the matter?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) & (*b*). The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) Yes. The District Medical Officer, Nagercoil, met Mr. P. K. Madhavan Pillai, President of the Co-operative Society No. 1103 and some other prominent persons in the locality. They have promised to put up a dispensary building at their cost and hand it over, together with the site, to Government free of cost. The site chosen by them is in the same Pakuthy (Kulathummel) in which Kattakada also is situated, but is about a mile away from the Kattakada junction.

As there are temporary Malaria Dispensaries at Chemboor, Kattakada, Aryanad, Vellanad and Kunnathukal and petitions have been received from the public of all these places for making the dispensaries permanent the acceptance of the offer made by the people will be considered later on in consultation with the Medical Advisory Committee.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: In answer to part (*c*) it is stated "the sites chosen by them are in the same pakuthy (Kulathummel) in which Kattakada is also situated, but is about a mile away from the Kattakada junction." May I know from the honourable member whether there was any offer from the people of Kattakada to build the Dispensary at the Kattakada junction?

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